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DEDICATED TO MY FATHER

I am beholden to my father, mentor, guide and Guru, Revered **PANDIT KADALANGUDI NATESA SASTRI** for having initiated me into this realm of Astrology. It may not be out of place if I say that Astrology bequeathed to me by him is my avocation and I pursue it to perpetuate his memory.

He was noted for his profound scholarship. He had pioneered to publish many of the important and rare works in Sanskrit, with Tamil translations and scholarly commentaries. It is gratifying that his books on Astrology have been used and continue to be used wherever Tamil is known as the basic reference books by those who have anything to do with Astrology.

He utilized his erudition in Sanskrit and his rich practical experience in Predictive Astrology to discover the proper methods of prognostication propounded by several authors like Parasara, Varahamihira, Yavanacharya, Gargacharya, Kavi Kalidasa, Kalyanavarma (author of Saravali), Bhattotpala, Srlpati, Venkatesa (author of Sarvartha Chintamani), Mahadeva (author of Jataka Tattva), Mantreswara (author of Phaladeepika), etc. May I on this occasion offer my humble and devout homage to this Guruparampara (succession of Gurus)?

May I dedicate this book to my father-cum-Guru in all humility?

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PREFACE

Man is not only the body that we see, according to the Vedic doctrine, but also the presiding deity within; so the stars and the planets are but the bodies of the Spiritual Being within.

'Udu' means star or 'nakshatra'. Dasa-Bhukti system is the forte of Hindu astrology; this system is responsible for the accuracy of its predictions. And Dasa-Bhukti is calculated on the basis of the nakshatra/asterism in which a person is born. 2½ stars, or, 2 stars and a 'pada' (quarter) of the next star make up a 'Rasi' or sign of the zodiac.

The 'degrees' pertaining to each of the 27 stars, the planet ruling each pada of each star, the shape of each star, the time when it could be seen in the sky, the general characteristics of persons born in each star, the characteristics of persons born in each pada of each star, the initial letter/sound of the names that could be given to persons born in each star, nature of work which is favoured by each star, activities that can be profitably begun in each star, the duration and cure of diseases beginning to afflict in each star, the "saanti" ('parihaaram') or remedy (especially through mantras), etc. are furnished in this book.

The book was originally brought out in Tamil, and now we have rendered it in English for the benefit of a wider public. We hope that the readers will find it quite useful.

We shall gratefully receive suggestions for improvement of the book.

We shall be failing in our duty if we do not acknowledge the encouragement given to us by the Advisory Committee of the Kadalangudi Astrological (Indological) Research Centre and Mr. Sundar Rajan (an admirer of the Reverend Pandit Kadalangudi Natesa Sastri).

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endship with some bad characters. They are generally thrifty by nature.

The Sastras declare that any enterprise undertaken under this star will yield early good results.

But as each star has four padas, each pada has some characteristics which are different from others.

First pada : The lord of first pada is Mars. The native will have a rough nature; may have some stealing tendencies; by self-effort will accumulate wealth; will like to enjoy life to the full; will have a fearless character like a warrior; may be interested in other women too.

Second pada : Its lord is Venus. The native will be interested in getting wealth and in doing Dharmic, righteous deeds. He will evince interest in aesthetic arts and be desirous of fame.

Third pada : Its lord is Mercury. Interested in learning and in comfortable living; smart, intelligent and will have many friends, and clever in winning over even enemies.

Fourth pada : The Moon is the lord. The native will be god-fearing, devoted to charitable acts and will administer religious institutions efficiently.

This star Aswini is called "kula" (tribal or caste) star. There will be success in planning and doing the following actions.

The enemy can easily be vanquished. By self-effort and native wit, the person can accumulate wealth.

In Vasishtha Samhita, it is stated that Aswini is good for naming ceremony, for commencing Sastric studies, and for buying new jewellery.

Children should be named with letters commencing, "su", "sey", "sou" and "la" respectively according to the four padas of

this star, e.g. names like Subhadra, Seshamma, Somanaatha and Laavanya.

The Dasa appropriate to this star is Ketu running 7 years.

This star can be seen in the month of December after 10 p.m. just in mid-sky—looking like the face of a horse, consisting of 6 points.

This star is stated to be excellent for the installation of idols.

(2) **BHARANI** (*aries*) : 13°20'—26°40'

There are certain proverbs associated with some stars e.g. "One born in Bharani will rule the world". Even if he is not a king, he will enjoy all royal felicities. Being an "ubhayakula" star, he will reap the fruits of others without exerting himself.

General characteristics :

Those born under this star will enjoy delicious food with great relish.

They love to sleep long; will have several enemies; will live long; lacking determination and will-power; will be handsome with broad forehead and curly hair; an epicure by nature, will love life for its own sake without bothering to think about metaphysical problems.

First pada : The Sun is the lord. The native will love ease, comfort and luxury; will behave as if he knows all and even succeed in making others believe this bluff; handsome in appearance.

Second pada : Mercury is its lord. Very miserly in matters of money; will have few children and may not have a happy married life.

Third pada : Venus is the lord. The native will appear like a great benefactor looking after several persons; will speak sweetly

and persuasively. An intelligent person ever cheerful and joyous.

Fourth pada : Mars is the lord. Envy and ingratitude are his chief characteristics. The native will be more interested in growing long hair and beautifying himself; will never be able to complete any task; will have more children.

Sowing seeds in the Bharani star will be fruitful. Being an active and alert star, some astrologists regard this star as being aggressive and harsh. This star is suitable for making weapons, planting trees, driving out devils and evil forces, appointing servants, pottery firing etc.

Children should be named with letters commencing "li", "lu", "ley" and "lou" according to the four padas of this star; e.g. Lily, Lucy, Lekha and Lokanaatha. They will have long life and be prosperous too.

Dasa for this star is Venus running 20 years.

This star can be seen in the month of December in mid-sky like a triangle.

(3) KRITTIKA (Tauri Alcyoni) : 26°40'-40°00'

Lord Skanda was born under this star; he is hence called Kaartikeya; His devotees fast every month on the Krittika day, and worship Him by reading the Skanda Shashthi Kavacham and the Kandar Anubhooti.

General characteristics :

The native will welcome his relatives and be generous to them. He will be handsome and healthy and enjoy good food. He will be esteemed and highly respected, and ever be happy. He will have birthmarks on his neck near the ear. Some will be inclined to do evil deeds surreptitiously and be content with whatever they had studied.

First pada : Its lord is Jupiter. The native will be affluent and intelligent; famous and esteemed by the public.

Second pada : Saturn is the lord. The native will be indulging in evil deeds and be interested in other women, evince greater interest in others than in his own family.

Third pada : Saturn is the lord. Those born in this pada will neither be intelligent nor have a good character. They will have only bad friends.

Fourth pada : Jupiter is the lord. The native will be highly proficient, good-natured and intelligent. He will be loving, humble, contented, sympathetic, pious and benevolent.

Children should bear the names commencing with the letters "aa", "i", "oo" and "eh" according to the four padas respectively; e.g. Arumugam, Aanand, Irulanban and Elumalai.

The Krittika star consists of six stars—of the "kula" star group. The Dasa for this star is the Sun—lasting six years.

Work to be done in this star :

Any undertaking, after careful consideration, if begun in this star will bring victory; the conspiracy of enemies will fail, and no great obstacle will intervene.

The star belongs to the Raakshasa Gana. If the Sun enters this star, the prices of commodities will have an even level. The star is good for such activities as melting of metals, gold, copper, and silver, for making jewels, and for carpentry. It is good for making weapons and for collecting debts, but not good for driving new vehicles. Nor is it good for girls to attain puberty, and if so, some Saanti ceremony has to be performed. It is bad for commencing journeys; and if essential, one has to take curd rice and can travel in eastern or western directions.

The star appears like a knife—composed of six points—and can be seen in mid-sky at about 11 p.m. in the month of December.

There is a popular belief that no work is to be commenced during the two stars Bharani and Krittika.

(4) **ROHINI** (*Tauri Aldeboran*): $40^{\circ}-53^{\circ}20'$

Rohini consists of five points (*or stellar units*) and it is in this star that Lord Krishna was born. As he killed his uncle Kamsa, there is a popular belief that when a child is born under Rohini star, it is not auspicious, as it is a bad omen for its mother's brother. However, this star is auspicious for commencing any good work.

General characteristics:

Even if some bad event occurs under this star, the end result will always be good. The prices of commodities will come to even level, when the Sun traverses this star. The girl attaining puberty in this star will, after marriage, give birth to good sons; and will be prosperous and highly esteemed. She will be respected for her charitable and philanthropical actions. Those born under this star will generally be happy, lucky, and have a fairly easy life.

First pada : Mars is the lord; and hence the native is likely to be fickle-minded, and will find fault with everything. He may serve in the army or in the police. He will be fair-complexioned.

Second pada : Venus is its lord. The native will be mild-mannered, good-natured and cheerful; will also be interested in the arts.

Third pada : With Mercury as the lord, the native will be highly learned, and be famous in literary circles. If other Yogas too are favourable, he will be a great poet. Knowing the nature of his enemies, he will behave diplomatically. He will be skilled in mathematics too.

Fourth pada : The Moon is the lord. The native will be intelligent and mild in temperament. Blessed with longevity, he will be lucky in enjoying the fruits of others' labours.

Under this star such auspicious functions as Upanayanam, Seemantam, the naming ceremony, beginning of Vedic studies and marriages can be celebrated. The foundation laying for a new house, the house-warming can be performed, as also the "nava-graha saanti".

Being one of the fixed stars projects of long-standing effect can be undertaken, such as house-building, tree-planting, or crowning ceremonies. It is good to plant sugar-cane, paddy and jowar.

Those born under the star will be handsome, intelligent, smart, joyous, and appear to be rich. They may have some eye-trouble.

Letters signifying each of the padas of this star are respectively "O", "va", "vi" and "Na". Names beginning with such letters will confer luck. Consisting of five stars, it looks like a bee. It belongs to the Deva group. The Dasa for this star is the Moon, lasting ten years.

This can be seen in the month of December in the night at 12-30. As Lord Krishna was born in this star, it is good to begin all good acts.

(5) **MRIGASIRA** (*Orionis*: $53^{\circ}20'-66^{\circ}40'$)

Of the 27 stars, only a few are excellent and to this category belongs Mrigasira. Looking like the three eyes of a coconut, it resembles the head of a deer and hence is named "the head of a deer" (Mrigasira). Some books call this a feminine or nautral star.

General characteristics:

Those born under this star are full of love and cheerful in speech. They would feel diffident to any evil action. With a good memory, they will pick up knowledge even at the first hearing. Blessed with longevity, they are very respectful to the mother. As they are soft-spoken and adaptable in their nature, they will have

many friends. Although deficient in learning, wealth or position, they are proficient in appearing to be excelling others and not show their weaknesses.

First pada: With the Sun as the lord, they have the will, capacity and enthusiasm to finish any work undertaken. Their nature is that of a king. Undertaking tasks beyond their capacity, they will struggle to complete it, and with effort succeed too.

Second pada: With Mercury as lord, the native shines as an illustrious scholar with literary and cultural tastes. He will be interested in performing religious ceremonies, but may be a little short-tempered.

Third pada: Venus is the lord of this pada. The native will be of a very generous nature, and give succour to all those who need his help. With charming manners and attractive features, he is soft-spoken and will be open-minded and familiar with women.

Fourth pada: As Mars is the lord, the native will be temperamental, irritable and quick-tempered. He will be inimical towards good people and will be wanton and lascivious with women.

General characteristics :

Just as every star has some good features, the names too assigned to the natives born under each pada give some good characteristics. Name beginning with "ve", "woe", "ka", "chee" are assigned respectively to each of the padas; like Vedamoorti, Kaasinaathan etc.

This star belongs to Deva group. The cock is its ensign. When the Moon transits the first two padas of this star in Taurus, it is its exalted house. Its Dasa is Mars, lasting for seven years.

This is called a soft star. To meet new friends and to complete any undertaking, it is helpful as the Moon's influence is favourable. The sage Vasishtha says that this star is favoured for sculpture work. Also it is useful for storing grain in warehouses.

If the body gets illness on this star, it will be cured within the lapse of the next five successive stars. According to astrology books, if the fever continues, worship of the image of the Moon will definitely effect the cure.

Any work undertaken in this star which happens to fall on a Saturday will be most successful. It is called the Vartamaana Yoga.

Prices will be moderate when the Sun happens to transit this star. Girls attaining puberty in this star will be prosperous, wealthy and will have good progeny. Beginning learning in this star is very good, also commencing agricultural work. It is good to have the first oil bath in this star after illness. It is an auspicious star for house-warming, for laying foundation stone, for marriage celebration and for the installation of idols.

This star can be seen as a deer's head in the month of January after 10 p.m. as three white spots just directly above.

(6) AARDRAA (Orionis : 66°40'—80°00')

It is the sixth star and mention of this name brings to mind the month of Dhanu and Lord Nataraja of Chidambaram. The Lord is supposed to have been born under this star, and hence the "Aardraa Darsanam" is held sacred. A big festival is held on this day in temples, and women make "Kali" (a delicious food) as an offering to the Lord and then take food. It is only one star, belonging to the human group. No auspicious event will be commenced on this day. Prices will be moderate when the Sun transits this star.

General characteristics :

Those born under this star will be very successful in trade and commerce. They will try to excel in any work undertaken with great effort. Naturally they will be proud. They will not

hesitate to carry out even sinful deeds. They may be ungrateful. They are long-lived.

First pada : As Jupiter is its lord, the native will be charitable-minded, clear-headed and generous. Occasionally they may be short-tempered.

Second pada : With Saturn as lord, the native will take delight in making others weep. They are sadists and have what the Germans call "schadenfreud" meaning pleasure in the misery of others. They excel in tale-bearing.

Third pada : Saturn is again the lord. The native will be brutal by nature. Harsh and cruel will he ever be. During good Dasa-Bhukti periods he may get some wealth. He will not hesitate to commit evil deeds.

Fourth pada : The lord is Jupiter. Those born under this influence will be excellent ones, interested in charitable deeds and philanthropic activities. Being devout by nature, they will go on pilgrimages. They may have only a few friends but they will be noble and cultured.

The letters indicating the padas are respectively "koo", "ka", "nga" and "cha" and the names are like Kandan and Chandran. Even if these sounds come in the middle, their pronunciation is beneficial; and just as it is stated that the Pranava (*Aum, pronounced OHM*) pervades the universe, it is useful to repeat and do Japam of the Mantras and the Lord's thousand names regularly. The Dasa for this star is Rahu, lasting for 18 years.

What action can be done :

The star is favourable for the repetition of Mantras and for exorcising evil spirits. It is called Daaruna star, meaning creation of fear. It is not good for girls to attain puberty in this star. Their married life will be full of sorrow, misery and poverty. By doing Saanti if puberty were to be in the third and fourth padas, the evil can be minimized. It is called a feminine star.

The star is good for learning military arts like archery, use of weapons, wrestling, etc. It is good for pottery firing. Also good for repetition of Mantras. Illness during this star will not be easily cured. Performance of Rudra Saanti will be beneficial.

The agriculturist may plant maize and raagi in this period. It is good for military marches and bands.

It is a bright star seen in the month of January after 10 p.m. just above our heads.

(7) PUNARVASU (Gemini Pollux) : 80°00'—93°20'

This star is in the form of a potter's wheel. It belongs to the divine group. Red in colour, the star is likened to the bamboo tree, the swan and the sound of the Pranava (*AUM*). Lord Rama was born in this star.

General characteristics :

Those born under this star will be very virtuous, they won't tell a lie and they would relish their food well. They will take to any work with enthusiasm and they will not be lacking in effort which naturally brings them success.

They will always be cheerful and have many friends. They will charm others by their soft-spoken words and be gentle and merciful to all people in distress or in danger.

First pada : Mars is its lord. With lofty ideals, the native is pious and very devoted, and respectful to elders. Sometimes those born in this pada may be impertinent, if not frank, in speech and get a bad name. Their eyes may, due to Mars' influence, be red in colour.

Second pada : The Lord is Venus who loves ornaments and decoration; is self-indulgent and ever seeking comfort and pleasures; courts flattery and dresses to please others; enjoys sweets, milk, and milk products.

Third pada : Mercury is the lord. The native will therefore be intelligent, eloquent in speech and handsome in appearance. He will be sensual and lascivious. Being selfish by nature he will not help others. He will be sickly, suffering from one illness after another. He will be long-lived. He will have liaison with other women.

Fourth pada : As the Moon is the lord of Cancer he is also lord of the fourth pada. The native will be prosperous, handsome, cheerful and pleasant in speech. He will be friendly and respectful in behaviour.

For naming children, the letters to begin with are "ke", "ko", "ha" and "hi" respectively for each of the padas.

Those born in this star will have tours, and they will succeed in their ventures and expectations. Such names as Kelapan, Kodandapaani, Haalaasyam are expected of the Punarvasu-born natives.

They begin with Jupiter Dasa lasting for 16 years.

Affected by Baalaarishta, the natives will suffer from illness up to 16 years of age. But the right type of "Saanti" performed according to their padas will confer happiness and longevity.

If storms occur in this star, or any other natural calamity they will cause great damage.

If the Sun transits this star, the prices of commodities will remain stable. Girls attaining puberty under this star will like to live according to their own desires; whether it will be a happy one or whether she will shine as an excellent housewife is not certain.

Action that can be done :

This star is propitious for the performance of 'pumsuvanam', "seemantam" naming, ear-piercing and holy thread ceremonies.

This is also auspicious for beginning studies or teaching lessons, also good for wearing new clothes. Auspicious star to commence classes in painting or music.

The star is good for house warming and for nuptials ceremonies. The book *Ratnaakara* states that happiness and good children will be born as a result of the nuptials on this star.

Without difficulty the native will enjoy prosperity and happiness from inherited wealth of gifts from others' savings.

If he has cows, he will get plenty of milk, due to the blessings of this star.

Work suggested : Good day for building dams, planting seeds and ploughing the land.

This star is seen above our heads in the month of January at midnight. Being bright and appearing like a wheel with five stars, it is easily visible.

(8) PUSHYAM (Cancer) : 93°20'—106°40'

Even as the lion is king among the animals, it is stated that this star Pushyam excels others shining like a king in the midst of constellations.

The book *Jyotisha Chintaamani* says that if pushyam were to be even the accident-prone third star from one's native star, or the trouble-prone fifth star or the death-prone seventh star, success will ensue in any fresh task undertaken.

Pushyam is a "Kula" star :

It is a cluster of three white stars in the sky, like the flower of a snake-gourd. It is a male star, belonging to the divine group. Its lord is Jupiter.

General characteristics :

Those born under this star will be clever, smart, intelligent,

though slightly short-tempered. They will excel in the study of astrology. They will be helpful towards their kith and kin.

In appearance they have black eyes, are courageous, are capable of managing any difficulty, will be independent after middle age and long-lived.

First pada: Its lord is the Sun. The native will be able to finish any work quickly. He will love loneliness; may be afflicted by paralysis.

Second pada: Its lord is Mercury. Handsome in appearance, they will charm other women. Greedy about money and other women, they will appear to be weak and frail. But they will treat others with love and respect.

Third pada: Venus is its lord. However difficult the task may be, they are determined to complete it successfully. With a child-like face, they are cheerful and charming. With quiet, peaceful eyes, they lead their lives happily without any care.

Fourth pada: Mars is its lord. They are clever in possessing others' properties. They excel in causing trouble and conflicts. On the whole, their character is of an inferior nature.

"Hu", "Heigh", "Ho" and "Da" are the beginning letters of the names to be given respectively in the four padas of the star. e.g. Hemamaalini, Daalmia.

The Dasa beginning for this star is Saturn lasting 19 years.

Work that can be done:

If in the eighth sign from one's Lagna the Moon were to be transiting, it is called 'Chandraashtamam' lasting 2½ days. On such days any work, not necessarily auspicious ones, has to be done after much consideration and with care. But this star Pushyam transcends even the Chandraashtamam defect. The book *Jyotisha Prakaasam* says that even during Chandraashtamam the

work is carried on to success, if the native is born under Pushyam. When the Sun transits this star, the prices will be moderate and production of grains will be in plenty.

If girls attain puberty in this star, no 'Saanti' is needed. After marriage they will get good male children.

It is good for learning music or dancing; such auspicious ceremonies as 'Seemantam', naming of children, and Upanayanam can be performed. Also good for commencing agricultural operations, study of Vedas and Saastras and to wear new jewels.

Good star for laying foundation stone, building houses, house-warming, and to plant sugarcane, paddy and betel plants. Some say, it is not good however for performing marriage ceremonies.

Any work undertaken will be rid of all difficulties and obstacles; the enemies' power will be dwindled; it is propitious for travel. This star can be seen after 10-30 p.m. in the month of February.

(9) ASLESHA (Hydare) : 106°40'—120°00'

This ninth star is red in colour composed of a bunch of six stars. There is a Tamil proverb to the effect that Aslesha is like a grindstone.

A feminine class; belongs to the Raakshasa type; its god is the serpent; and, the sparrow signifies its bird group.

General characteristics:

Jupiter is the lord of its first and fourth padas; hence the natives of the star are straightforward, honest and pious. Yudhishthira of the Pandavas was born under this star.

Generally, the natives are smart, bright and good speakers. In spite of a harsh face, they are able to command the respect and friendship of famous leaders of the land.

They are interested in foreign tours. Their enemies will have a tough time with them; they will not be left carefree. They will discharge their work with enthusiasm. But they are lascivious in temperament.

First pada : Jupiter is the lord. The native is interested in discovering new things. He is also honest, bold and pious.

Second pada : Saturn is the lord. The native will ever be afflicted by some illness or other. Although their stomach is full, still will they feel gluttonous. They will do sinful deeds without hesitation. They will seek to amass wealth by associating with mean fellows and indulging in anti-social activities.

Third pada : Saturn is again the lord. The native will be cruel in nature, excel in dishonesty and gain wealth by evil ways. Indulging in wicked activities they will pursue only evil ways, although advised by others to follow the right path. In their last days, they will suffer from paralytic attacks.

Fourth pada : Jupiter is the lord, but he is in his severe, ungenial aspect. Children born in this pada are likely to cause danger to the parents. They would be nurtured as orphans. It is essential to do some "Saanti" for the children born in this pada to avert any mishap.

Necessary acts to be done :

If a girl matures in this star, Saanti has to be done. Otherwise, her married life will not be smooth. A Tamil proverb says that the "mother-in-law" of Aslesha girl "will be in the streets". So in fixing marriage either for boy or girl, it is better to see one without the mother-in-law. There is no Saastra for this proverb; the stigma however persists that the mother-in-law would be widowed.

It is a pity that prevalence of such baseless proverbs prevent the marriage of several good girls.

This star is dual-caste. The natives are lucky in living on

others' wealth without exertion. Sage Narada says that this star makes the native work hard, and be successful in trading and gambling.

The letters signifying this star are "dee", "doo", "de" and "doe", (such as Daniel, Dongre). There is no necessity that names should commence with such letters as they can come in between as in "Venkatesan".

The Mercury Dasa lasting 17 years belongs to this star.

This star can be seen in the month of February after 11 p.m. It is not very bright, consisting of six stars, it looks like a grand tone.

(10) MAKHAM (Leonis or Regulas) : 120°00'—133°20'

Those born under this star are stated to live prosperously. Consisting of five stars, this star looks like a palanquin. It is masculine, Rakshasa type, of a harsh and rigorous nature. Arjuna of the five Pandavas was born under this star. The banyan tree is its symbol as among the birds it typifies the crow.

General characteristics :

The natives are generally the Sri Vidya Upasakas. They have great delight in worshipping the Devi. They are of a generous nature out to help their relatives and the distressed who seek them.

They are proficient in abstruse subjects, rich, adaptable to situations, and will have administrative skill. By their charming speech they will be able to attract others. They will be very kind to their wives.

Occasionally they may be irritable; and lascivious by nature. They will evince interest in learning such fine arts as painting.

Although they may be wealthy and live a very comfortable life, in their later days they will have no peace of mind.

First pada : Mers is its Lord. The native will have friends among the great like kings and ministers. Possessed of high qualities, they will excel others in speech.

Second pada : Its Rasi is Taurus and the lord Venus. The native will give all help to those who seek refuge, will be intelligent wealthy and interested in fine arts. They will take everything in cheer and be free of care.

Third pada : Mercury is its lord. The natives are miserly by nature; will have no married happiness. They are misogynists, and run away from women.

Whatever work they are engaged in, they have feelings of affection, they will not show them.

Fourth pada : The native will be jealous by nature. Being ungrateful, they will forget any help rendered unto them. They will ever be care-worn about something or other.

Talking always of "self-respect", they will miss out good opportunities, and ever blame others for their failure. They will have more male children.

Work to be done :

Belonging to the family type ("*kula nakshatra*"), any work befitting it if done carefully will bring success. If one falls ill, he will not be cured soon. He has to do "Saanti" for the pitrus. Obstacles or attack by enemies will fail.

Famine, fire accidents are the mishaps occurring under this star. When the Sun transits this star, the prices of commodities will be moderate. When rain starts under this star, it will be terrific.

The star is auspicious for the performance of marriages, for learning Mantra, for digging wells or tanks.

If girls attain puberty under this star, they will not have a happy married life, and so some "Saanti" has to be done.

It is good for starting agricultural activities. Also for fertilization and ploughing.

Narada's "*Gaanamritam*" states that this star is good for learning music and dancing. Also good for meeting great men.

The letters signifying each pada are "ma", "mee", "mu", and "me" respectively. Such name as Madhavan, Minakshi, Mukundan and "Medhavi" are examples.

The Desa for this star is Ketu lasting for seven years. If "Saanti" is performed at the time of birth, the native will live long.

This star can be seen in the month of February after midnight just above the head.

(11) POORAM (Pubba Leonis) : 133°20'—146°40'

This star is considered not auspicious for the performance of good works. This along with the next star Uttara constitutes a single form like that of a golden cot. Pooram is feminine, belongs to the human type.

General characteristics :

Those born in this star will like to be dressed nicely and be interested in jewels. They will be generous and kind to their employees and feel delighted in their happiness. They will show interest in fine arts like music and painting, and if opportunity occurs, take to dancing and excel in it. They will be extravagant and spend more than their earnings and in later days suffer. They are examples of fickle-mindedness. Some of them will be famous as great painters.

First pada : The Sun is its lord; and so like a king their mind will be broad and extensive. They are clever in exchange and barter and excel in share-broking. They will have eye defects and be weak in their health.

Second pada : Mercury is the lord, a neutral planet. So the native, in spite of his intelligence and fame, will lead a life of care and anxiety. He will have no personal happiness nor will he be of help to others.

Third pada : Venus is the lord and the Rasi is Libra. The native will be charming both in appearance and speech. He will have several children. He will be skilled in music and sculpture. He will excel others in Mathematics.

Fourth pada : Mars is the lord. The native will have no happy life, will suffer from poverty. His children, deprived of opportunities, will suffer too.

How can they be helpful to others, when they themselves are in need and in difficulty? Astrologists affirm that those born in fourth pada of Pooram will have no happiness in life at all. Of course such generalizations are meaningless, as other influences of the planets too have to be taken into consideration.

Necessary work to be done :

All work undertaken in this "kula" star will be successful.

"Ubhayakula" means enjoying the wealth of others. But "common" means bereft of the former two kinds, the native will have quite an ordinary life. Fever or illness beginning in this star will not easily be cured. The deity "Aryama" rules the star. Accidents occurring in this star will be terrible. Famine too will be severe.

When the Sun transits this star, the prices of commodities will be high. If a malefic planet transits the Aswini star and Pooram falls on a Saturday, it is called Maha Soola Yoga.

No new work can be undertaken in this period, nor can new clothes be purchased. Girls attaining puberty in this star is inauspicious. She is likely to lose husband and children. Her character too may not be good. It is necessary to do "Saanti" for the planet Sun.

But it is good for commencing studies, for using Mantras, for hunting treasure and for gambling.

Those born in this star will have "baalaarishta", but if the necessary "Saanti" were done, they will live up to 90 years.

The letters signifying each pada respectively are "Mo", "da", "dee" and "do". Such names as Motilal, Daniel, etc. are examples.

The Dasa for this period is Venus lasting 20 years.

This star can be seen in the month of March at 11 p.m. just above head.

(12) UTTARA (Denebola) : 146°40'—160°00'

Brihaspati, the Guru of the Devas, was born in this star. It belongs to the "kula" star variety. Red in colour, a twin star, shaped like a stick. Feminine in gender belonging to the human 'gana'. The Sun is the deity pertaining to this star.

General characteristics :

The natives will be dignified and have a high sense of self-respect. Pious and charitable-minded, strong and valiant, they will be slightly lascivious. Their temperature will be more than normal. They will be helpful to others, unmindful of their own welfare. They will be humble, devoted to religious affairs, and deeply interested in learning.

First pada : Jupiter is the lord; and so the native will evince knowledge and Sastraic wisdom. He will stand on his own legs;

very generous and helpful to others; frank with no guile and good-natured.

Second pada : Saturn is the lord. The native's life will be one of poverty. Fickle-minded; he will not care for others' difficulties.

Third pada : Saturn is its lord. Ungrateful will be the native and he will be proud and vain. He will argue endlessly with no reason or rhyme. Bpt he will come forward in life with some aim or other.

Fourth pada : Jupiter is the lord. The natives will be highly esteemed by others. Full of wisdom, but imbued with humility they will be. They will have excellent children. Their life will be smooth, with no care or anxiety.

Work to be done :

Any work undertaken with care will be successful. The work will be excellent.

Those born in the "Kula" Nakshatra will not meet with obstacles. They will be smart enough to manage any contingency and clever in dealing with any sort of people and also efficient in carrying out any skilled work. They know to speak sweetly and charm others.

There may be some tours to be undertaken. If illness comes, it can be cured by doing Sun-worship according to rules. If there is a circle around the Sun, it indicates there will be rainfall.

This is a good star for the performance of weddings. If girls mature in this star, they will beget good children.

It is also good for the performance of "pumsuvanam", see-mantam, upanayanam, and for beginning lessons in dance, music and such other fine arts, as also for the beginning of Vedic studies.

The star is good for agricultural activities such as sowing and also for beginning new work connected with agriculture. Any

work in this star begun according to "tithi" and Yogam too will definitely succeed.

Although there may be illness in childhood, the native will live up to 80 years.

The star is auspicious for the sowing of corn, paddy, ragi, maize, mustard and sugarcane, also for the planting of coconut and plantain.

The first pada belongs to Leo sign, and the other three to Virgo sign.

The letters "de", "bo", "va" and "pee" respectively signify the four padas. As in the names of Bhaskaran, Peetaambaram, etc.

The Sun Dasa lasting 6 years belongs to this star.

This star can be seen in the month of March at midnight like a pair of eyes.

(13) HASTAM (Corvi) : 160°—173°20'

This is a good star for all good activities. Black in colour, composed of five stars, it looks like a hand, with five fingers. Male in gender, belongs to the divine "gana". Its deity is the Sun.

General characteristics :

The native will lead a very happy life in his old age, after acquiring name and fame. Deeply contemplative, he will be kind to all, give help and succour to all those who seek refuge, philanthropic and mindful of virtue or sin in every activity undertaken.

Blessed with children, he is devoted to elders and teachers, pious by nature and speaks and behaves agreeably towards women.

He is proficient in defeating his opponents. He is persevering in any work undertaken, however difficult it may be or what ever obstacles he may meet, and will not sit quiet till it is completed to success.

Those born in this star will not begin any work without prior deep consideration. Once started, they will not stop till it is done well, excellently finished. They will not do anything without material benefit.

First pada : Mars is the lord. Full of physical strength and mental vigour, the native will be daring in any work undertaken. He will be desirous of speaking truth only.

Second pada : Venus is the lord. The native will be soft-spoken and charming in manners. He will be anxious to show his best to please others. He may be dull-witted.

Third pada : Mercury is the lord. The native will be intelligent and learned in several languages. He will do good in business. He will be a philanthropist, large-hearted in helping others.

Fourth pada : The Moon is the lord. Those born in this pada will be wealthy. They will excel in Government service and occupy high positions. They will help friends and relatives without hesitation in time of need. They may be slightly short-tempered.

Kinds of work to be done :

The natives will be deeply contemplative by nature. They will start ruminating about even small things long ahead. As the star "Hastam" means "hand", whatever work is undertaken by the natives will be of long-standing good to others. But any work started with selfish ends may not succeed so much. This is stated in Nakkeera Sootra.

Rama's children Lava and Kusa were born in this star. Mostly those born in this star will work hard till middle age and then they will have a very happy life.

It is stated that the native will lose his father early.

When the Sun transits this star, the prices of commodities will be low. If girls mature in this star, they will beget good children, and also lead a happy married life.

Work to be done :

It is good for the performance of weddings, naming ceremony, seemantam, upanayanam, beginning studies both scientific and Vedic, etc.

If trade is started in this star, it will flourish. Excellent for learning Mantras; good for meeting high officials. Also auspicious for wearing new jewels, for house-warming ceremony, etc. Good for starting agriculture; operations, especially sowing. Good too for starting lessons in sculpture. If travel is commenced, it will be successful.

The letters "pu", "sha", "na" and "da" are respectively appropriate for the four padas; as in the names Purushottam, Shanmukham, etc.

The Moon Dasa lasting for 10 years pertains to this star.

This star can be seen in the month of April about midnight like a hand with fingers.

(14) CHITRA (Virginis spica): 173°20'—186°40'

According to some proverbs, the child born in Chitra is supposed to be bad for the father. Usually, the son born in this star is adopted by another.

It is white in colour; pearl-white it shines solitarily.

Feminine in gender and Rakshasa type. It is also called "Sowmyatara" as it shines peerlessly white in the sky.

General characteristics :

The natives of this star will behave familiarly with women. They expose their lascivious nature. They have long beautiful eyes, sweet words and charming looks. They use cosmetics liberally. With their affable manners and endearing speech, they are able to work out their designs.

This is a good star, being auspicious for most human activities and hence the prevailing proverbs about this are meaningless.

First pada : The Sun is the lord and its Amsa is kingly. The native will occupy a high position in life, able to command others; he will like to rule over others; but he may not be steady-minded or level-headed.

Second pada : Mercury is the lord; and although the native is learned and intelligent, he may lack in charm and manliness. They are pious and sweet-tongued.

Third pada : Venus is the lord. The native is kind-hearted. He will assist others in times of need or danger. He will behave respectfully towards the wise. He would like to get name and fame. Being always kind by nature, it is called "abhayaamsam".

Fourth pada : With Mars as the lord, the native is bold and daring and will manage any situation. He will have even the ability to command a band of burglars or terrorists.

If in the Army, he will be able to display his fearless attitude. He can shine as an able surgeon, if in the medical service.

Work to be done :

This star is good for collecting herbs for preparation of Ayurvedic medicine. If fever commences in this star, "saanti" has to be performed. It is a good star for girls to mature. They will beget good children. Good star for Upanayanam, naming ceremony, marriage and ear-piercing ceremonies.

The star is auspicious for commencing learning of fine arts like music, Bharata Natyam and also for the study of Vedas and Sastras. Good for agricultural activities too.

Such letters as "pe", "po", "ra", "ree" are respectively correlated to the four padas; as in the names of Rama, Periaazhwaar, Rita etc.

The Mars Dasa lasting 7 years, is connected with this star.

This star shines like a fish or the eye of a tiger and seen in the month of April at 1 a.m, just above the head.

(15) **SWAATI** (*Bootis or Arcturus*) : 186°40' — 200°00'

Oysters are supposed to come out during rainy season with their mouths open, and when a raindrop falls into them, it turns into a pearl after some time. The treatise *Rasakulikai* states that only raindrops falling during the Swaati star period turn into pearls. It is red colour; a single star shining like a ruby. Feminine in gender, divine in Gana, belonging to the dual 'kula'—its yoni is buffalo and the deity is Win¹.

General characteristics :

Those born in this star are lucky, philanthropic, famous and kind and gentle by nature, with long eyes and broad chests.

They will help their relatives in times of need.

They are independent in spirit, smart, clever and intelligent.

If they start independent business they will flourish. Not only do they live independently and happily but they want others also to be so free and happy. With a big heart and a courageous mien, they are also pious and devoted. After middle age, they frequent temples and tanks and go on pilgrimages.

First pada : All the four padas belong to the Libra sign. The first pada is ruled by Jupiter. The native will be rolling in wealth. He

will also be intelligent and courageous. He will speak eloquently, will know several languages, and even have the ability to compose poems.

Second pada: Saturn is the lord. The native will seem to be full of gratitude. Sometimes, the native may behave contrary to the right and legal ways.

Third pada: Saturn is again the lord, but with his harsh nature. The native will have several enemies. He will not speak out but ever be ruminating and worrying within himself. He will be angry and will oppose others with mulish obstinacy. After spending extravagantly beyond his means, he will suffer under a great burden of debt.

Fourth pada: Jupiter is the lord. Those born in this pada will strive hard to be good-natured, diligent and efficient to earn a good name. They will have a large number of friends.

They cannot bear others talking ill of them. They are very sensitive. They are wealthy and they show respect to elders. They are kind-hearted too and philanthropic.

Work to be done:

Of all the stars, Swaati is supposed to be the best. It is excellent for collecting herbs for the preparation of medicine.

Those born in this star will be very careful before starting any work. But the star is not good for starting travel.

When the Sun transits this star, the prices of commodities will be very moderate. Swaati is good for girls to marry, and they will lead a nice, happy married life and bear good children. Such a girl will be highly respected and treated like "Mahalakshmi".

It is good for agricultural activities too.

It is excellent for the celebration of all auspicious ceremonies like weddings. Good also for starting studies and fine arts;

good for wearing new ornaments, dresses, house-warming, upanayana, etc. etc.

The Nakkeera Sootra affirms that this star is excellent for getting good results from any activity commenced during this period.

The letters "Ru", "ray", "ro" and "tha" are correlated respectively to the four padas in respect of proper names. *Examples:* Roopavati, Rohini, Taataachaariar, etc.

The Rahu Dasa lasting for 18 years pertains to this star.

The star can be seen shining like a ruby in the month of June after 10 p.m.

(16) VISAAKHA (Librae): 200°00'—213°20'

This star is regarded as Lord Subrahmanya's birth star. The Lord's other name is therefore, Visaakhavijaya.

It belongs to the "Kula" nakshatra category.

It consists of a cluster of five stars appearing like a potter's wheel. Masculine in gender, Rakshasa gana, tigress-Yoni; the deities are Indra and Agni. Rough, harsh, stern or "Ugra" is its nature. Its mark is the letter "U".

General characteristics:

Those born under this star will behave courteously towards wise men and pandits. They are long-lived. They are philanthropic by nature.

They will do every thing with care. They will help their relatives. They will take delight in the company of friends. Whatever they speak will have good content, clarity and beauty.

They will not be very mindful of their physical needs; hence will frequently fall ill. They will like to eat delicious things

even if they do not suit their health. Their eyes will be red. They will behave very closely with women and they will charm them by their sweet talk and affable manners.

First pada: The first three padas are in Libra and the last in Scorpio sign. Mars rules the first pada; the native will live happily. Rich, with broad chest and long arms, the native will be courageous. His eyes are red.

Second pada: Venus is the lord. The native will lead a prosperous and peaceful life. He will not be affected by any anxiety or worry. He will get wealth by legal and right means. He will show mercy and be kind to others. He will have a lovely wife and lead a happy married life. As far as possible he will like to have a quiet joyful life. He will have some ear trouble.

Third pada: With Mercury as the lord, the natives will be an expert in mathematics. Talking sweetly he will charm others. He will be generous and very clever and intelligent; he will get many titles and degrees in his studies.

Fourth pada: With the Moon as the lord, the native will be anxious to amass wealth and equally good at spending. He will be very loving towards his wife. Although very anxious about trying to look after his relatives he will not be effective in action. After middle age, he will suffer from stomach trouble.

Work to be done:

According to the Sastras, there are some stars beneficial for carrying on good work.

It is good to start learning fine arts in this star. It is stated that it is very good for commencing training in sculpture and dancing.

According to Vasishtha it is very good to build vehicles or to repair them.

There will be success in any work undertaken in spite of the enemy's secret opposition and obstacles.

If girls mature in this star, there is no need for any propitiatory "Saanti" ceremony. They will live happily blessed with good children.

It is a good star for buying cattle, for agricultural work, for sowing seeds and for digging wells.

The letters signifying each pada are "dhee", "thu", "the" and "tho" respectively. *Examples:* Deenadayaalu, Totaadri, etc.

The Jupiter Dasa lasting 16 years pertains to this star.

This star in a cluster of five like the potter's wheel can be seen in the month of June after midnight.

(17) ANURAADHAA (Scorpio): 213°20'—226°40'

Anuraadha is a beautiful name in Sanskrit.

Both Anuraadha and the next star Jyeshtha look like the white umbrella held over the throne in the sky or like an inverted lotus.

The sign of Scorpio is long and the Moon transits this sign between the degrees 213°20' and 226°40'.

As Anuraadha star has relation to the white umbrella, it is tender and soft by nature and hence its other name is "Mridu taaraa". The sign of Scorpio is debilitated; and the star is represented by the first letter "A", the first letter of the star. It stands for the Jack-fruit tree and the bird is parrot. It belongs to the Devagana. Its lord is the Sun, and reigns over all like a king.

General characteristics:

Those born under this star are likely to behave nicely and lovingly with others. Contemplative by nature, they are inclined to comfortable living. They cannot bear hunger.

Most of the people who go abroad belong to this star. They are held in high esteem.

First pada : In the zodiac, this star belongs to the Scorpio sign. Those born in the first pada are sharp-witted; and they have the grace of the Sun god.

Second pada : Being highly intelligent, they are under the grace of Mercury.

They are beautiful, and if they practise the playing of Veena they will become experts in that field.

Third pada : Its lord is Venus. They are lucky to have good wives, and they have the characteristics of protecting others.

Fourth pada : Its lord is Mars. Poor and ignoble will they be and ever in constant danger.

Nature of work to be done :

The star is good for travel. If illness falls under this star, it will take a long time to cure. It is a good Yoga if the star comes on Sunday, Thursday or Saturday.

Girls attaining puberty in this star will live happily and beget good children.

Naming ceremony, ear-piercing, purchase of cloth, driving vehicles, house-warming, crowing, sowing, purchase of cattle and taking the first bath after illness are the ceremonies which can be done under this star.

The letters signifying each pada respectively are "na", "Nu", "Nee" and "Nap" for naming ceremony. For example, Nathan, Neelakanthan, Noorjahaan and Nehru.

Those born under this star commence with the Saturn Dasa lasting 19 years.

This star is visible in the month of July under the Aquarius sign at about 10 p.m. in the sky.

(18) JYESHTHA (Antaras) : 226°40'—240°00'

Although according to a Tamil proverb those born in Jyeshtha will suffer, in spite of their riches, the effects are to be seen only by other causes; and life is not to be determined by proverbs.

The star is seen in the sky like the umbrella spread over a throne. Its colour is red and shape like an inverted triangle, one bright star at each corner of the triangle. It is a feminine star, placed in the debilitated portion of the Moon.

Its nature is like that of the Chaataka bird yearning for the rain. Its swara is "A".

Its sign is Scorpio in the zodiac.

General characteristics :

Sharp-eyed and sharp-tongued too are those born in this star. But they are good-natured and therefore have many friends with them. They are honest and expect the same kind of integrity in others. They will fight for the rights and civil liberties of man. They have beautiful long noses and shapely natural eyes. They will have birth marks in the stomach region, and "Saanti" has to be done.

They will have more sons than daughters. Their nature is ever to be in an anxious mood.

First pada : The lord is Jupiter. The native will be humorous but proud. He will be a writer too.

Second pada : Saturn is the lord. The native will ever be interested in drawing friends to his side. Angry by nature, they will be always suffering from some ailment or other.

Third pada : Saturn is again the lord. Being a malefic, the na-

tive is likely to suffer from some bodily defect. May be, it is a defect in the eye. But they are merciful by nature.

Fourth pada: Jupiter is the lord. Being a benefic, the native will be pious and be interested in dharmic and religious matters. He is likely to suffer from ear ailment.

Nature of work to be done:

Ear-piercing ceremony, brick-making, settlement of legal disputes, fighting enemies, getting back long-due and unexpected debts, learning mantric activities, selling of cattle are likely to succeed if commenced in this star.

If red cloud is seen under the star, rain is likely. This is not auspicious for travel. But if travel is compulsory after eating rice mixed with gingelly one can start after 2 p.m. in the southern or westerly direction.

The letters "No", "Ya", "Yi", "Yee" and "You" signify the four padas respectively. Even if the names do not commence with these letters, they should come either in the middle or in the end.

The star has Mercury Dasa lasting 17 years.

The star is seen rising in the sky at 10 p.m. in July in the Aquarius sign and will be fully visible at 11-30 p.m. in the sky.

(19) MOOLAM (Scorpii): 240°00'—253°20'

This consists of a bunch of five stars like a crouching lion.

Those born in this star will be wide awake and cannot be cheated; and others too should be equally vigilant.

They will ever be planning. A Tamil proverb says: "Moola men will rule the world; and Moola women will rue their fate".

Its colour is black; neuter gender, Rakshasa gana; Yoni-

dog; Niruruti or Prajaapati is its Devata; Brahmin caste; look-down-wards; "A" swaram; and odd number.

Residence—Metropolis; Varuna mandala; Marasu tree; Chakra-veaha bird. Character: Very harsh. Full star.

General characteristics:

If the horoscope features are good, the native will be a philanthropist, wealthy, dignified, and friendly with his relatives. But if the other planets are weak, the native will be a voluptuary, proud, covetous, irritable and lazy.

First pada: Mars is the lord; the native will covet others' property; will be poor; and bad relations between father and him.

Second pada: Venus is the lord. The native will love comfort; bad relations between mother and son; will like sweets; charitably minded; will possess vehicles.

Third pada: Mercury is the lord. The native will love learning. He will argue about every minute detail. He will be rich but also extravagant in his expenses.

Fourth pada: Moon is the lord. The native will occupy a high Government post. In this sense probably has come the proverb that the Moolam man will rule the world. Occupying a high position, he will be able to manage a big crowd. He will be mad about women, will have a feminine voice. He knows to be tactful and charm others.

Nature of work to be done:

Hanumaen was born in this star. Good for travel. Success is sure while travelling in the southern and western directions. Girls maturing in this star will beget good progeny. The sign for this star is Sagittarius.

Promptness and alertness are his characteristics and his speech is marked by clarity and straightforwardness.

The star is auspicious for such ceremonies as naming, bangle and seemantam functions, oil bath after illness, agricultural operations, use of mantras, travel, painting and architecture.

The letters "Yey", "yo", "Pa" and "Pee" correspond with the four padas respectively. For example, such names as Paarvati, Yogavati and Bheema.

As Ketu Dasa pertains to this star at the birth time, saanti has to be done to avert evil. In one sense, the child will be ill in its early years. Danger from weapon is likely in the 50th year; and in the 60th year danger to life. If these are overcome the native will live till he is 90 years old.

This star is seen brightly shining in the month of July in the Aquarius sign.

(20) **POORVAASHAADHA** (*Alpha Sagittari*)

253°20'—266°40'

This and the next star Uttaraashaadha constitute a square and hence this being only two is called ardhataaraa or a half star. It belongs to human gana, feminine gender, monkey yoni, and Brahmin caste.

Harsh by nature, with lowered look, the Poorvaashaadha is called a "blind star". Its residence is village, Vaayu mandalam, tamarind tree, parakeet bird, and "Pa" (*panchamam*) swaram.

General characteristics :

Those born in this star will be tall in stature, have long sharp fingers, and will be bold and enterprising in every activity.

They will take care and give special attention to every piece of work. They will be held in high esteem; in short, they will be wise persons.

First pada : The lord is the Sun. The native will be independent, rely on himself. Ever active; but it is doubtful whether he will get adequate recompense for his work all the time.

Second pada : Mercury is the lord, being the "Amsa" or "Vishnu's beneficent hand of grace. Therefore, the native will be generous, philanthropic, sweet-tongued, and dignified in appearance. There is no scarcity of food in a Vaishnava temple, and likewise, under the kind mercy of Mercury the native will never suffer from want.

Third pada : Venus is the lord and therefore the native is always lucky. Even when the native leads a blemishless regular life, others look on him with suspicious eye.

Fourth pada : Mars is the lord. Harshness is the native's second nature. He takes delight in dominating over others. Uttering false statements, he will persist in his claim about their truthfulness.

He will ever be guarded and cautious in seeing that no one draws closer to him. He will indulge boldly in evil activities. So, it is natural for him to hate all good and wise men.

Nature of work to be done :

It is good for the study of mathematics and economics, for buying cattle, for storing weapons, for agricultural activities, for planting sugarcane and buying pearls and corals. It is auspicious for digging wells and ponds, for preparing medicines, for application of mantras, for mining and settlement of debts.

This star helps the promotion of evil activities like theft, lying, etc. Girls attaining puberty in this star are unlucky to lose their husbands. This is not good for travel. But if travel is compulsory, it can be commenced after taking milk; and travel can be undertaken in the southern and northern directions.

The letters "Pu", "Dha", "Pa" and "Ta" respectively correspond to the four padas; and if names commencing with such letters are given, the natives will have longevity and lead a healthy life, say the astrologists. Examples of such names are Bhuvaneshwari, Dharma, Pattaabhi etc.

The Venus Dasa lasting 20 years pertains to this star.

The natives will meet with critical life situations till they attain the youth stage, and escape danger to their lives either due to sunstroke, chill or drowning. Hence, it is essential to do "saanti" for children born under this star. It is doubtful whether they will attain their 60th year. If they cross this barrier, they will live up to 80.

This star can be seen in the month of August after 10 p.m. in the sign of Pisces.

(21) UTTARAASHADHA (Alpha Sagittari) :
266°40'—280°00'

The two stars combining with Poorvaashadha appear like the four legs of a cot and shine in the firmament as the Pole star (*Dhruva*). Its gender is feminine and its gana is human. It has an upward look. Dull by nature, it is likened to a barren cow. Its area is Indra mandalam.

The tree is jackfruit; the cuckoo is the bird, pertaining to the star. As the star is favourable for many good activities, it is appropriate to call it a "Mangala" (*auspicious*) star.

General characteristics :

Those born in this star will be worldly wise. They will be interested in learning more and more about every field of activity.

Desiring integrity, they will lead an honest and pure life. Full of good qualities they will be orthodox and observe every penance. They will entertain gurus and Brahmins. Ever speaking softly, they will never use harsh words. Full of humour will be their speech; in action they are heroic. They will have more sons than daughters. With sharp, long nose they will have a birth mark on it.

First pada : The lord is Jupiter. Those born in this pada are experts in Sastraic lore having mastered it. They are proficient in exposition too of what they have learnt. Dutiful towards their "guru", they are pious by nature. They will perform every action to perfection.

Second pada : The lord is Saturn. Being a malefic, those born in this pada would be engaged in wasteful activities and lose their wealth, and later suffer. By associating with bad characters they may be indulging in evil activities.

Third pada : Saturn is again the lord. His aspect is more fierce. Those born in this pada will take delight in giving harm to others. Those affected will take revenge which means more suffering to the native. By increasing their obesity, they will ever be ailing with some disease or other.

Fourth pada : Jupiter is the lord. As he is a benefic, this pada is considered as lucky. The native will ever be indulging in some good activity or other. Understanding every problem clearly, he will speak boldly and explicitly. Cheerfulness and enthusiasm are part of his nature.

Nature of work to be done :

This star is not good for travel. But if travel is compulsory, one has to take meal with gingelly, and then proceed in the westerly or southern direction.

If one falls ill in this star, a month's cure is necessary. Girls maturing in this star will become very learned and take interest in religious affairs.

It is auspicious for bangle ceremony, seemantam, naming ceremony, upanayanam, for beginning Vedic studies and for wearing new clothes and ornaments.

It is good also for taking up Government job, house-warming, marriage, agricultural operations, for planting orchards and other auspicious occasions.

The names beginning with such letters as "Pe", "Po", "Ra" and "Jee" are appropriate for the four padas respectively, as for example: Peyaazhwar, Pope, Radha and Jeevaretnam. Naming the children in such a way makes them prosperous and long-lived.

The Sun Dasa lasting 6 years pertains to this star.

The star can be seen in the month of August at 11 p.m.

(22) SRAVANA (*Alpha Aquila*) Thiruvonam:
280°00'—293°20'

This star is highly esteemed as gods were born in it. In Kerala people celebrate this star as Onam festival in the month of August.

General characteristics:

Those born in this star will like to adorn themselves with cosmetics and scents, and flowers. Usually they will be obese and appreciate other women more than their own wives. But they will be lucky people with large-heartedness. They will give succour and help to their relatives. Good talkers and comfort-loving epicures will they be; they like travel too.

They will be fickle-minded with no strong will. They will have birth marks in private parts. They will be wise and discriminating.

First pada: With Mars as its lord, the native in this pada will be quarrelsome by nature, and suffer from stomach trouble. He will be childless.

Second pada: Venus is the lord. The native will be comfort-loving and lascivious by nature. He will have many servants and with kindness elicit work from them. He will talk very cleverly.

Third pada: Mercury is the lord. So, the native will be very wise and learned. He will be a painter. He will have a generous nature but will love conflicts and quarrels. With sharp wits, he is good in trading, especially cattle. He is charitable too.

Fourth pada: The Moon is the lord. The native will be very rich, very loving towards his wife, devoted to his mother and emotional and sentimental by nature.

Nature of work to be done:

This star is auspicious for naming, seemantam, upanayanam and marriage ceremonies. It is good for food distribution, for commencing Vedic studies, and for purchasing new clothes and ornaments. The star is favourable for the crowning ceremony, for proceeding to one's village, or settling down in town and to commence 'Vratas'. It is excellent for doing Yagnas, Saanti or propitiatory ceremonies, navagraha puja, for repetition of mantras, for sowing and other agricultural activities, and for taking medicine.

If girls attain puberty in this star, they will live very happily begetting a good son. No "saanti" is needed.

If fever comes, it will last for 11 days only; propitiatory ceremony to Vishnu is suggested for cure.

The letters signifying each pada respectively are "Jee", "Jo", "Jay" and "ka". *Examples:* Jeevaa, James, Jothilakshmi and Kamal.

Chandra Dasa lasting 10 years belongs to this star.

There may be fear from disease in the second year of the native; fear from cobra in the third year; from fire in the fifth; from weapon in the seventh; and danger to life from fever in the 13th year. The native will suffer from a great illness in his 15th year and danger to life in his 30th year. If the native escapes these dangers he will live long for 90 years.

This can be seen like an arrow consisting of three stars in the month of September after 9-30 p.m.

(23) DHANISHTHA (*Beta Delphini*): 293°20'—306°40'

The star is known for bringing luck to the native; whatever he touches will turn gold, as he has the Midas-touch. It consists

of four stars resembling a drum—a mridangam.

It is feminine gender; raakshasa gana; lionyoni; the eight Vasus are its deity. This is called a half star.

Mercury was born in this star; it is related among birds to the woodpecker and among insects to the bee.

General characteristics:

Those born in this star will be known for their good nature. They will have a bright face. They are persevering by nature. Their mothers may be dead in their early years. Their bodies will be slightly hot; and they have a tendency to put the blame on others for their own deficiency. They will indulge in frequent litigation, due to their obstinate nature. Girls attaining puberty in this star will beget good children. There is no need for performing "saanti" or propitiatory ceremony.

First pada: The Sun is the lord. It has a royal attribute. Those born in this star are likely to have an obese body.

Second pada: Mercury is the lord. With a handsome face, the native will charm others by their intelligence and rhetoric. He will act only in a legal way.

Third pada: Venus is the lord. Those born in this pada will be fearless and also capable of ridding others of fear. They will be good-natured, tactful and sensible. They are long-lived.

Fourth pada: With Mars as the lord, those born in this pada will be cruel and harsh, fat and drunkards.

Nature of work to be done:

It is good for ploughing, sowing and planting in the fields. Also good for irrigation work and construction work. According to Narada, it is good for afforestation.

Good for travel in all directions. If fever comes in this star,

it will take a fortnight for cure. It is suggested that some "saanti" has to be done for the "Vasus" (deities) for quicker cure.

The letters signifying the padas respectively are "su", "ku", "ki" and "ke": *example:*—Sulochana, Krishnan, Kuchala, and Kedari.

The Mars Dasa lasting 7 years pertains to this star.

The native is likely to get illness in his 5th, 18th and 28th years. There is danger to his life in his 25th year.

There is fear from the cobra in his 40th year. Danger signal by drowning in his 50th year. If a saanti is done in his 60th year he will live till his 80th year.

The star Sraavana is a deadly enemy to this Dhanishtha.

The star rises in Taurus in the month of September and is seen at 11 p.m. in the sky.

(24) SATABHISHA (Gama Aquari): 306°40'—320°00'

Consisting of 100 stars this has the appearance of a camel. Its gender is stated to be feminine or neuter, according to different astrologists. It is red in colour.

General characteristics:

Those born in this star are generally fervent and enthusiastic in speech and full of love. They will indulge in evil actions without any hesitation. They will attack their enemies relentlessly and succeed in the end. Spurt, dash and urgency will be evident in every one of their actions.

Without forethought they will plunge into any activity with enthusiasm, not realizing that it is beyond their capacity. In spite of their moderate learning, wealth or position, they will be able to shine in speech and activity.

They will not be bound or submissive to others in any condition or context.

First pada: Jupiter is the lord. The native will be clear-headed and charitable-minded. He will be pious, devoted and respectful to elders. He will have a large number of friends and his sole aim will be in helping others.

Second pada: Saturn is the lord and hence the native will ever be feeling anxious about something or other. He will indulge in evil activities without hesitation; most of them will be antisocial. By associating with fools and wicked men, he will try to acquire wealth. But he will be cowardly and timid.

Third pada: The native will not be interested in study. His aim is to conspire and harm others and indulge in evil activities.

He will have many children and suffer from poverty. He is excellent in fabricating lies; and although advised wisely by others, he will still pursue only evil activities.

Fourth pada: Jupiter is the lord and the native will appear dignified and handsome. He will be kind, gentle, merciful and friendly and will have several friends.

Nature of work to be done:

This is a good star for naming and upanayanam ceremonies. Also good for approaching a guru and taking initiation in the sas-tras and to get the blessings of the Masters. If persons suffering from diseases take medicine in this star, they will soon be cured. The star is also good for starting new business by investing capital. Also auspicious for the installation of idols in temples. In business good success is assured, if begun under this star.

But it is not good for travel. But if travel is compulsory one should take some meal made of rice flour and then depart, when the journey would be fruitful.

When the Sun transits this star, the price of commodities

would remain moderate. Girls maturing in this star will live happily with wealth and good progeny.

The letters "ko", "sa", "see" and "su" correspond respectively with the four padas of the star. One can infer from the names starting with these letters that they were born in this star. For example, such names as Kodandapaani, Savitri, Sita and Subha.

The Rahu Dasa lasting 18 years belongs to this star.

This star can be seen as a cluster in the shape of a camel in the month of October after 11 p.m.

(25) **POORVABHADRA (Beta Pegasi):** 320°00'—333°20'

This together with the next Uttarabhadra appears in the sky like the four legs of a cot. The book "Choodaamani" says that this star is like a hammer.

It belongs to the human gana, black in colour, called three-fourths of a star. Some others call it "samataaraa". It has three padas in Aquarius and one in Pisces.

General characteristics:

Those born in this star will ever be cheerful and gay. They are really friends in need. Being kind and merciful by nature one can expect them to be by one's side at the time of need. As they behave towards people with a sense of impartiality, they have (*naturally*) many friends. They behave with respect towards women. Although they appear to be ever cheerful, they are not without care or anxiety.

They are clever in amassing wealth; but equally are they wasteful, particularly because of their weakness for women. Being always active and never afraid of work, they have the blessings of goddess Lakshmi. They are smart in the matter of exchange and barter. They keep good health. They excel in painting and cultural arts. They can be cited as good examples of fickle-mindedness.

First pada: Mars is the lord. The native will be very respectful to elders and pious and devoted to the gods. Some will love to command and dominate over others. They are courageous and strong-willed and able to manage any contingency that may arise. Being impertinent and sharp-tongued, they may easily win a bad name. Being angry, their eyes will be red.

Second pada: With Venus as the lord, the native will be comfort-loving. He will love to adorn himself with nice clothes and ornaments and be ever anxious to make an impression on others. Impetuously will they plunge into activities beyond their capacity. They are pious, particularly towards the goddesses. They love to eat well, specially milk and milk products.

Third pada: As Mercury is the lord, the native will excel in speech and in intelligence; will be able to impress and attract others by sweet words and clever actions. His association and friendship will be only with those who are clever, smart, and learned. They are always planning and, being good in economics, they are careful in financial affairs. But they are generous by nature and helpful to others.

Fourth pada: This pada is in the Cancer sign, whose lord is the Moon. The native will appear to be prosperous. He will have charming looks and magnetic personality.

They are anxious to lead a happy, comfortable life; but they are incapable of standing up to even slight obstacles. They are devoted and loving to their mothers. They can charm women by soft, mellifluous speech and they are loving towards their wives too. With such desirable qualities, it is no wonder many people respect them.

The letters "se", "so", "tha", "Thee" correspond respectively to the four padas of this star; and by naming children with these letters commencing, they can ensure prosperity and longevity to them. *Examples:* Somanaatha, Daasarathi, Deepaa, etc.

The Jupiter Dasa lasting 16 years pertains to this star.

Nature of work to be done:

The star is good for getting Mantra Upadesam from elders. It is also good for digging wells, installation of idols and for temple festivals. It is auspicious for planting seedlings and for purchase or sale of machines and for firing of bricks. It is also good for barter and for buying new cattle.

Better to avoid travel in this star; but if necessary, it is suggested that travel is commenced after taking honey—mixed meal, and starting in the eastern direction.

The star can be seen shining brightly in the month of October after midnight, like a cat with four legs.

(26) **UTTARABHADHRA** (*Gama Pegasi*): 333°20'—346°40'

Although this looks like a single star, according to the *sas-tras* it is made up of two stars. It looks like a cane, and so it is called in Sanskrit "Dandakriti".

This is a firm star able to achieve success in any undertaking. Hence it is also named "Dhruvataaraa". Black in colour, it belongs to the Kshatriya caste. Those born in this star acquire its characteristics.

General characteristics:

Those born in this star will ever be happy and cheerful and also make others equally happy and gay. With sharp intelligence, they can talk affably and hence have a lot of friends. With a Midas touch, every piece of work they undertake meets with success. They carry out all business with the slightest effort and therefore they are lucky and joyous.

With love towards their wives they have good progeny. They conquer all their enemies. They are never idle. Their minds are directed towards pious and philanthropic deeds.

First pada: The Sun is the lord. The native of this pada is

powerful, quick in action, alert and hasty in manner. Being in anger, his eyes are red. It is rather difficult to see him ever peaceful and quiet in behaviour. His desire is to rule over others, being arrogant by nature.

Second pada: Mercury is the lord. The native will be very intelligent and will shine in learned circles. Some will take deep interest in astrology.

He is tactful and clever in dealing with people. He is proficient in action and skilful in managing any situation.

In addition, he is lucky too; why then be surprised at his success! One wonders whether the same ardour and efficiency shown in his work he bestows on his bodily welfare, for he looks weak and fragile.

Third pada: As the lord is Venus, master of arts and culture, the native will evince great interest in specialized arts and get deeply absorbed in any work undertaken. With full determination and great enthusiasm he will carry out the work to success. He would like good food and would appear ever cheerful because of his cultural interests. He shows much interest in women; some are worshippers of goddess.

Fourth pada: Mars is the lord, and the planet being red in colour, the eyes of the native too are red. Being fair in appearance, they show off to the public in a conceited high-handed manner. They are therefore proficient in army and police services. However, they are kind and noble. Being quick and fast by nature, some are likely to suffer from blood pressure.

The letters signifying the various padas are "thoo", "sa", "sha" and "ha" respectively, as in Saarathy, Shajehan, Haalaa-syam.

The Saturn Dasa lasting 19 years pertains to this star.

Nature of work to be done:

This is an upward-looking star. Any work begun in this

star will grow in power and significance. It is good for better agricultural operations. It is auspicious for marriage and other functions and for wearing new jewels. It is also good for going to temples and for religious purposes, as also for laying foundation stone for building temples.

Although it is not very good for travel, one can start after taking curd rice or sweet products, in the eastern or northern direction. The star is good for commencing instructions in mantras and for laying down foundation for house construction. If fever comes in this star, one has to do "saanti" by worshipping golden images for cure.

This star can be seen in the sky in the month of October after 10 p.m.

(27) REVATI (Zeta Piscium) : 346°40'—360°00'

The star looks like a fish and its four padas are in the Pisces sign along with four padas of Uttarattaadi and Poorattaadi's fourth pada. It is red in colour and consists of three stars in the shape of a fish. It is a soft star and feminine by nature.

General characteristics:

Those born in this star are very handsome and being perfect in appearance have not the slightest bodily defect. Being lovable and good-natured, they are pleasing to every one and, speaking softly and fluently, are able to charm others.

Naturally they will have lots of friends. Not only are they pleasing to others and esteemed by them, they desire that others too should be happy and cheerful. They earn their wealth by hard work and are sensible enough in their spending and saving. Being learned in arts and sciences, they are sharp-witted and begin action after great thought and deep consideration of every aspect of the problem.

GLOSSARY

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| Abhaya | : protection (from fear) |
| Aryama | : a deity |
| baalaarishtha | : sickness afflicting uptill 16 years of age |
| chaataka | : bird yearning for rain |
| daaruna | : creating fear |
| dandam | : cane |
| Kandar Anubhooti | : Tamil verses invoking the grace of Lord Skanda (Subrahmanya) |
| Kula | : caste, clan or tribe |
| Mahaalakshmi | : goddess of wealth |
| mangala(m) | : auspicious |
| mantra upadesam | : initiation to a mantra |
| pumsuvanam | : see 'seemantam' |
| saanti | : 'parihaaram' or remedy |
| seemantam | : rituals to which pregnant woman is treated after about 7th month (of pregnancy) |
| Skanda Kavacham | : Kavacham (prayer for protection) invoking Lord Skanda |
| Sri Vidya Upasaka | : devotee of goddess (observing special type of devotion) |
| taaraa | : star |
| upanayanam | : ceremony to initiate a someone to the path of wisdom |
| Vasus | : deities |

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